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DATE OF MEETING: 2/21/08

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AGENDA ITEM: Cultural and Linguistic Competence Technical Resource Group
(CLCTRG): Presentation of Workplan

ENCLOSURES: • CLCTRG Workplan

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: DMH Regulations for CSS -- definition of
unserved, underserved, and inappropriately served

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Action: Consider adopting the CLCTRG Workplan as presented

This workplan was first presented to the MHISOAC in the Fall of 2007. While much of the content of the workplan was received positively by those present at the MHISOAC meeting, it was widely regarded as incomplete because it did not contain a detailed activity summary of what the CLCTRG would be doing and there was no specific timeline given for the completion of these activities. Subsequent to that meeting the CLCTRG has been working on completing the workplan.

Action: Consider postponing the MHISOAC discussion of the definitions for unserved, underserved and inappropriately served until they come before the Commission as part of the Integrated Plan Guidelines development process

The CLCTRG chose to adopt a definition of unserved, underserved, and inappropriately served to guide the work of the CLCTRG and this definition is contained in the workplan. This definition is not in alignment with the current definition included in the DMH regulations for CSS Plans. Many of our stakeholders object to the DMH definition of unserved, underserved, and inappropriately served and would like to have further dialogue about this definition.

The CLCTRG considered bringing forth its definition to the whole Commission for discussion about adopting it on behalf of the entire MHISOAC. There was reluctance to do this, however, since the Commission had not specifically requested that the CLCTRG to take on this role of recommending a change in definition to the entire Commission. In the meantime the Department of Mental Health is beginning to look at developing guidelines for the Integrated Plans and has acknowledged part of the work will be to revisit the issue of defining who is meant by unserved, underserved and inappropriately served. MHISOAC staff are involved in the preparation of these guidelines, which are currently projected to be completed in late June 2008. The Chair and Vice Chair or the CLCTRG believe that any issues regarding the definition of unserved, underserved, and inappropriately served be revisited in the context of developing the guidelines for the Integrated plans.